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anniversary meetings, the Baptist Ministers assembled to deliberate on this subject, when it was found that nearly One Hundred were decided friends of abolition. In our denomination, I have no doubt that the ministers are in advance of the churches, & that it is by their instrumentality that so much has been done. I know of no minister in this association, who has delivered lectures on this subject but myself. Some of them, whose views are correct, may not have joined a society, because there was none in their vicinity. If you need any thing more on this subject, I shall be happy to oblige you at any time.

Yours in the Gospel,

D Chapman.

without incurring guilt.

These resolutions are sufficient evidence that all the Ministers of this Association are Abolitionists. Their names & Part of their address are as follows viz.

Rev. James Barnaby – West Harwich.
He has removed to this place since the last session of the Association; & therefore I know not his sentiments

Rev. D. Chipman Hyannis Barnstable.
Rev. Wm W. Hall, Edgarton, Vineyard.
Rev. Henry Marchant – do —— do.
Rev. Thomas Conant, Brewster.
Rev. Daniel Leathrop, Chatham.
Rev. Jeremiah Kelley, Nantucket.
Rev. Simeon Crowell South Yarmouth.

Several other brethren, who were pastors at the time of the Association, have since removed. Our Baptist Brethren with few exceptions, are I believe Abolitionists. There are a few in the vicinity of Barton, who from motives of expediency as far as I can judge, do not come out. But two years ago last May, at the

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Dear Brother. (Bap) (Hyannis)

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Your letter of Nov. 14. was unfortunately sent to another office, & I have but just received it: Letters directed to me, must be sent to Hyannis, Barnstable, as we have a number of Post Offices. Had the letter arrived in season, I should have had time to obtain all the necessary information: but now, it will be impossible. But I can get near the truth. I believe that all the ministers of our Association are Abolitionists.

The following Resolutions presented by Br. Gould was passed unanimously at the last session in Aug. 1837.

Resolved, That this Association hold slavery to be a sin against God, & an outrage upon the rights of man.

Resolved, That God is dishonored, & the Christian religion libelled, whenever a Bible warrant is claimed for Slavery.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to all the churches within its bounds, prayerfully to inquire how long they can continue to hold fellowship with slaveholding churches